

Neighborhood News and Gossip Gathered From the City's Four Corners

CRITICS PRAISE D. C. WOMAN'S ART EXHIBIT

Conan Doyle's Commendation
of "Face to Face" Echoed
By Editor of Magazine of Art

ALSO KNOWN FOR POETRY

Mrs. Minnigerode Andrews
Organizes New Movement to
Stimulate Muslo, Drama

By VIKTOR FLAMBEAU.
"Thus soon or late, in some unthought-
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—Marietta Minnigerode-Andrews.

When Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, in his recent visit to Washington, was shown this dramatic painting, a psychological study, he exclaimed, "Before leaving my memories of this day, I must mention a remarkable psychic picture which I saw." It was the picture, "Face to Face," which they had hung behind the door at the Arts Club when it was exhibited there, because they said it was received a little late, after the others were on the walls, but it was discovered just the same. And Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was not the only one to exclaim over its striking effect. Miss Lella Mechin, editor of The American Magazine of Art, and secretary of the Washington Society of Fine Arts, wrote the artist, Mrs. Minnigerode-Andrews, a personal note of enthusiastic commendation, a high tribute from a conservative critic.

This remarkable study is reproduced here in The Times-Herald for the first time. It speaks for itself. Lust, Greed and Envy are depicted, with Love, Grief and Aspiration, man meeting face to face his soul, the reality that he has hidden perhaps from the world and from himself.

KILLING HIS OWN SOUL.
But to complete Conan Doyle's comment, for it is a graphic description. He continued: "A coarse, worldly looking man was standing squeezing the throat of a poor, misshapen wisp of a thing, which had blood pouring from its gasping mouth. It was horrible, and yet finely symbolic, for it was the world, man killing his own stunted soul. Wiers never did anything more terrific."

Whoever has visited Brussels will remember the Wiers gallery of horrors, there, those tremendous canvases of a modern Flemish allegorical painter, picturing the terrors of death and torture. In one of them a woman is striving to free herself from her coffin, and there are others equally unforgettable. Like Gustav Dore, of Paris, Wiers had no academic training. He gave free rein to an extraordinary imagination, and in spite of faulty drawing, dull color and often poor technique, his conceptions overpowered the impulse to criticism, so a critic writes of him, adding: "He has left to his country an imperishable legacy, not in the artistic merit of his work, but in its great psychology."

WELL KNOWN HERE.

Mrs. Marietta Minnigerode-Andrews is a painter and writer very favorably known to Washington. Her husband, the late E. F. Andrews, was the principal of the Corcoran School of Art, and his carefully painted canvases are in many Washington homes, as well as in the White House and Memorial Continental Hall, the headquarters of the N. S. D. A. R. It is Mrs. Andrews' full-length portrait of "Martha Washington" in ball dress, beneath which the wife of the President stands to receive at the grand New Year reception, while the companion, "George Washington," figure, known as the Landowne portrait, in the White House, is by Gilbert Stuart.

The present director of the Corcoran Art Gallery, C. Powell Minnigerode, is a brother of Mrs. Minnigerode-Andrews. But she is perhaps best known now as a poet and dramatist, the author of "The Cross Triumphant," a pageant of the church in England and America, which has had a great success here and elsewhere. The first production was at the National Cathedral last May, and the second, where Mrs. Andrews played a part as a medieval lady in the finale, the march of the world to the foot of the Cross. She has also published a volume of verses, "Voices of the Dust," and more recently a second group, called a fantasy and styled, "The Voice of the Wild Flowers" with a dra-

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MRS. MARIETTA MINNIGERODE-ANDREWS, Washington woman, shown below, with her famous painting, "Face to Face," which has left its imprint on the minds of many famous men and women. This is the first time the painting has been reproduced in any publication.



matic monologue, "The Lament of the Holy."

PERMEATED BY MYSTICISM.

But it is in her psychic writing that Mrs. Andrews is most thrilling, though in fact, all her work is permeated by the mystical. Of her painting, "Face to Face," which is now the property of the American Society for Psychical Research, she has a magnificent poem, too long to repeat here in full, but from which we may quote these expressive lines:

"Face to Face, as in a Mirror."

"Thus soon or late, in some unthought-of place
I see the soul God gave me, face to face;
Steadfast, serene, or stamped with my disgrace."

"If I have strangled it in lust or greed,
I reap the fruit whereof I sowed the seed.
How shall it serve me, in my hour of need?"

"Have I neglected it, denied it? See,
Warped, farmed, frantic, how it clings to me,
Taxing me with its immaturity."

"But if along the up-hill earthly road
My soul and I in fellowship have trod,
Nor cheated one the other, shall not God."

"Then at the crisis send it out to meet
Me, as the mists enshroud my faltering feet.
Self of my self, symmetrical, complete?"

Below her painting, Mrs. Andrews has inscribed, "And what shall it



profit a man if he gain the whole world—and lose his own soul?"

HEADS NEW MOVEMENT.

Quite recently Mrs. Andrews, who again is occupying her house and studio at 1230 Sixteenth street north-

west, after a summer spent painting in Fairfax, has organized a new movement called the "Association of Theatre Arts," with headquarters at 1221 K street, northwest. The departments represented are pageant and play production, rhythmic expression and dance drama, music and the opera, organization and publicity, pageant and play writing, technical stagecraft, and costumes and art dyeing.

The officers are Mrs. Minnigerode-Andrews, president; Robert B. Andrews, vice president; Beas Davis Schreiner, secretary-treasurer; Marie Moore Forrest, chairman of executive committee. Members are Caroline B. McKinley, Estelle Wentworth and Albert Parr. Besides those already named, others who share in the departmental organization are Victor Kerney, Dr. George W. Johnston and Harold Snyder. The purpose of this association is "a national service for pageantry, music, dance and the drama."

VALUE ESTATE AT \$11,000

Fletcher F. Hayes, who died October 15, left an estate valued at \$11,000, according to the petition for letters testamentary filed yesterday in Probate Court by his brother, John W. Hayes. The estate consists entirely of personal property.

D. A. R. CHAPTER MEETS.

The Keystone Chapter, D. A. R., held its November meeting at the home of Mrs. Pierce Rayner last Saturday. Mrs. Rayner and Mrs. Tyler being hostesses. Mrs. Kinsell, the regent, presided.

HUTCHINS MILLIONS BEFORE COURT AGAIN

Widow Petitions to Have Probated Will of 1908, Which Gives Her 40 Per Cent.

SON FIGHTING ACTION

Avers That Long Delay in Presenting Petition Has Invalidated Claim.

Justice Frederick L. Siddons, in Equity Court yesterday, took under advisement the petition of Mrs. Rose Keeling Hutchins, widow of the late Stilson Hutchins, millionaire publisher and philanthropist, to have probated the will her husband made in 1908.

Recently a jury in Circuit Court No. 1 set aside a will executed by Hutchins in 1910 on the ground that at that time he was mentally incompetent to make a will. The Hutchins' estate is valued at about \$4,000,000.

Attorneys Johnson and Cohen, whose efforts on behalf of Lee Hutchins, a son, resulted in the 1910 will being set aside, are opposing the probate of the 1908 will on the ground that the statute of limitation now acts to bar the earlier will. It is the claim of these attorneys that because Mrs. Hutchins did not seek to have the 1908 will admitted to probate until three years after her husband's death, the estate should now be administered as if no will existed at all.

The 1910 will gave the widow twenty-five per cent of the estate. The 1908 will gives her forty per cent.

Hold Two for Grand Jury Under Mann Act

Louis Weingart, public hacker and James J. Carroll, were held for the grand jury yesterday by Judge Hardison in police court under \$1,500 bond each on a charge of violating the Mann Act. The warrants against the accused allege they transported Ruth Clarkson, twenty years old, and Frances Wirth, seventeen years old, both fugitives from the National Training School for Girls, to Alexandria, Va. for immoral purposes.

The girls admitted they escaped from the school and hid in the woods two days before calling on the men to help them get some clothes. Police men Jackson, Silcox and Schotter claim and the latter's automobile to go to Alexandria. The Wirth girl admitted that she had escaped six times from the training school.

CLARK TO BE INSTALLED.

Commissioner Cuno Rudolph of the District of Columbia has accepted an invitation to participate in the inaugural ceremonies at Continental Memorial Hall, December 15, when Dr. Lucius Clark will be installed as chancellor of American University. The services will be open to the public. A banquet will be held in the evening at Rauscher's.

WILLIAM J. THORNE, long time reader of The Washington Herald, and prominent in the work of the Mid-City Association, is delighted with the paper under its new auspices, as his letter below indicates.

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STOCKHOLDER LOSES

Eugene Morgan, stockholder in the Firemen's Insurance Company, Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, lost his flight yesterday in the District Supreme Court to inspect the insurance company's books. Morgan claimed that as a stockholder he had the right to look over the books. His petition does not contain any other reason for the request. Attorneys Archer, Smith and Munter, counsel for Morgan, noted an appeal.

LARCENY CASE DROPPED

Miss Irene Sunderland, trained nurse, who was arrested at a downtown hotel on June 25 and charged with the theft of a \$450 diamond ring belonging to Mrs. George R. Rowan, wife of a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, while Mrs. Rowan was ill at Columbia Hospital, will not have to stand trial on a charge of grand larceny. At the request of Lieut. Rowan, who is stationed at Quantico, Va., District Attorney Peyton Gordon yesterday dropped the case.

FOUR DIE HERE SUDDENLY, ONE DROWNS SELF

Mrs. Lillian D. Stahl Thought To Have Been Brooding Over Commitment to Asylum

AGED MAN STRICKEN ON CAR

Alcohol Poisoning Believed to Have Caused Death of Girl and Former Overseas Soldier

Four cases of sudden death—one of which was pronounced suicide—were reported here yesterday.

The dead are:
Mrs. Lillian Dougherty Stahl, 34 years old, whose body was found in a partly filled bathtub at her home, 232 Twelfth street southeast. After an investigation Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt issued a certificate of death due to suicide. A short time after he had boarded a Capital Traction Company street car at Fifteenth and New York avenue, Thomas G. Jones, sixty years old, 1501 Lamont street northwest, mining and radio engineer, fell dead of apoplexy.

DENATURED ALCOHOL FOUND.

Miss Ladd Brooks, thirty years old, an employee of the Treasury Department, was found dead in her room in the N-0 building of the Government Hotels. Traces of denatured alcohol were found in her stomach during an autopsy conducted by Dr. George H. Ross, deputy coroner.

An overdose of alcohol is believed to have caused the death of George Thomas McDonald, thirty years old, a former night watchman at the Veterans' Bureau, whose body was found on a cot in a rooming house at 2124 H street northwest.

Two months ago Mrs. Stahl, the suicide, was discharged from the psychopathic ward of Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and had again been adjudged of unsound mind by two Washington physicians and ordered committed to St. Elizabeth's Hospital. It is believed brooding over her impending return to a hospital prompted her to take her life, although her husband, Hugo Alvin Stahl stated she never intimated such action.

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